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Guide to Collection

Kelty, Edna M

Edna Kelty Papers, 1949-1959

MS 261

1 folder
19 letters
4 b&w photographic images

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PROCESSING: The letters were placed together in a mylar sheath and placed in a folder.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Edna Kelty was a missionary from Oregon. She appeared to have been in Alaska from 1949 or 1950-1959. She may have been affiliated with the International Gospel League. Born circa 1907 in Umatilla, Oregon (According to the United States 1910 census, she died the 17th of May, 1975 in Linn, Oregon (Oregon Death Index).

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

19 letters, 4 b&w photographs from 1949-1959. The bulk of letters were written by Edna Kelty from the Christian Girls Ranch in Fairbanks to Mrs. Lloyd (Lucy) Voss in Fillmore, NY. Kelty may have established the home. There are letters from Mary Stalker and a Minnie. The ranch was a "home," an institution, for unwed pregnant Alaska Native women. Topics include a suicide, a baby given to a missionary family to adopt, poor conditions at the home, requests for funds and goods from Lucy Voss and the International Gospel League, and differences with Catholics.

INVENTORY

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